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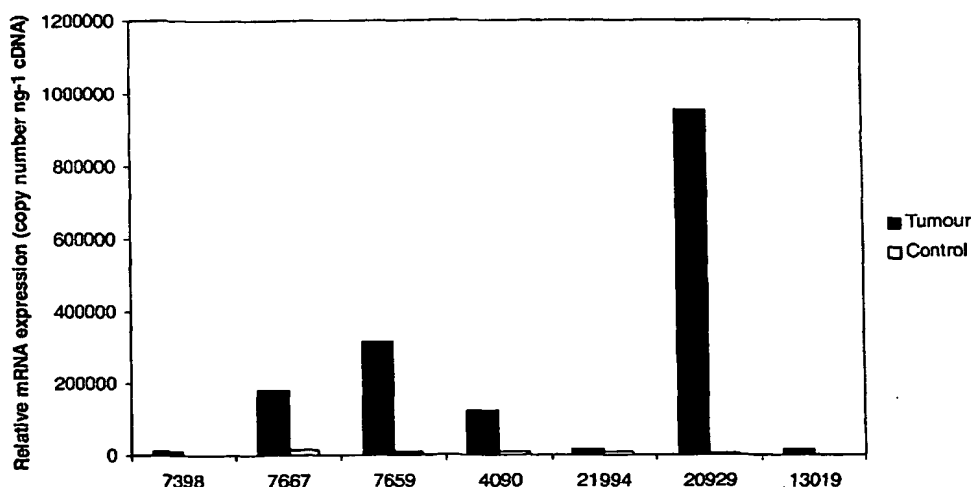
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to new uses of a protein (NKCC1) in the diagnosis, screening, treatment and prophylaxis of breast, lung and/or pancreatic cancer. The invention also provides compositions comprising the protein, including vaccines, antibodies that are immunospecific for the protein and agents which interact with or modulate the expression or activity of the protein or which modulate the expression of the nucleic acid which codes for the protein.

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Claims Nos.: 23-24

Present claims 23 and 24 relate to a product defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely "Interact with a polypeptide as defined in claim 1 (i)".

The claims cover all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such products. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the product by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the application which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the subject-matter of claims 1-9 and 18-22

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

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1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 10-17, 23-24, 22, 25, 26
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Claims 10-17, 22, 25 and 26: Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 23-24
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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
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